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### **NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION**

No surface occupancy, use or directional drilling are allowed within the boundaries of existing coal leases.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To protect lease rights associated with existing coal leases.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception to this stipulation may be granted by the authorized officer if the operator submits a plan of operations which is compatible with existing or planned coal mining operations and is approved by all affected parties.

Modification: The area affected by this stipulation may be modified by the authorized officer if it is determined that portions of the area are not needed for existing or planned mining operations, or where mining operations have been completed. An agreement approved by all affected parties must be provided to the authorized officer.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived by the authorized officer if it is determined that all coal lease operations within the leasehold have been completed or if the coal lease is terminated, canceled or relinquished.

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